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SUBJECT: DEATH OF FORMER PRESIDENT OF MEXICO, ADOLFO RUIZ
CORTINES -- CONDOLENCE MESSAGES

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES OF CONDOLENCE TO
PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA AND MRS. RUIZ CORTINES, FROM THE
PRESIDENT; AND TO FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA FROM THE SECRE-
TARY. WE DO NOT INTEND TO RELEASE THESE MESSAGES BUT HAVE
NO OBJECTION SHOULD THE GOM OR MRS. RUIZ CORTINES WISH TO
DO SO.

2. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, I SHOULD
LIKE TO EXTEND TO YOU, AND TO THE PEOPLE OF MEXICO, OUR
DEEPEST SYMPATHY ON THE DEATH OF FORMER PRESIDENT ADOLFO
RUIZ CORTINES.

LIKE HIS FRIEND AND CLOSE CONTEMPORARY, DWIGHT
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EISENHOWER, HE SERVED HIS COUNTRY FAITHFULLY. HIS EXEMPLARY

LEADERSHIP OF A GREAT NATION AND HIS PROFOUND FRIENDSHIP
FOR THE UNITED STATES WILL BE LONG REMEMBERED IN THIS
COUNTRY. AS ONE WHO HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF KNOWING DON ADOLFO

PERSONALLY, I FEEL A SENSE OF GREAT LOSS, BUT I TAKE
CONSOLATION IN THE MEMORY OF HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE
FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES.

SINCERELY,

RICHARD NIXON

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3. DEAR MRS. RUIZ CORTINES:

IT WAS WITH DEEP SENSE OF PERSONAL LOSS THAT MRS.
NIXON AND I LEARNED OF THE DEATH OF YOUR DISTINGUISHED
HUSBAND. WE RECALL VERY WELL THE WARM HOSPITALITY WHICH
YOU AND HE SO KINDLY EXTENDED TO US IN MEXICO. YOU HAVE
OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY AT THIS TIME OF SORROW. OUR SYMPATHY
IS SHARED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, WHO REMEMBER
YOUR HUSBAND AS A WISE LEADER AND A FIRM FRIEND.

SINCERELY,

RICHARD NIXON

4. DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

I HAVE LEARNED WITH SORROW OF THE DEATH OF FORMER
PRESIDENT ADOLFO RUIZ CORTINES. HIS DEDICATED SERVICE
AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE GROWTH OF A RESPECTED AND
HONORED NATION WILL BE LONG REMEMBERED IN THIS COUNTRY.
THE PEOPLE OF MEXICO HAVE LOST A DISTINGUISHED LEADER,
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AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES HAVE LOST A GOOD
FRIEND.

SINCERELY,

HENRY A. KISSINGER
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